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PER RSO RECOMMENDATIONS AND PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S APPROVAL,
POST REQUESTS APPROVAL AND FUNDING FOR FOLLOWING PROJECTS
LISTED BY PRIORITY.

1. INCREASE HEIGHT CONGEN FRONT PERIMETER WALL TO 10 FEET.
THIS INVOLVES INCREASING HEIGHT OF PRESENTLY EXISTING MASONRY
WALL BETWEEN ANNEX BLDG, AND VEHICLE GATE TO THAT HEIGHT AS WELL
AS CONSTRUCTING TEN FOOT MASONRY WALL BETWEEN TWO GATE HOUSES
ON FRONT PERIMETER. LATTER PORTION WOULD BE INSIDE OF PRESENT
LOW, DECORATIVE WROUGHT IRON FENCE WHICH WILL REMAIN IN PLACE.

(A) PRESENT WALL WOULD PERMIT TERRORIST GROUPS TO STRAFE FRONT
OF CONSULATE AND COMPOUND INCLUDING BUILDING MAIN ENTRANCE WITH
GUNFIRE FROM A PASSING VEHICLE. THIS TYPE ATTACK OCCURS FREQUENTLY
IN ISTANBUL AND IS TYPE ATTACK MOUNTED AGAINST CONGEN RESIDENCE
IZMIR IN FEBRUARY 1977 AND AUGUST 1977. ALSO IN PAST THREE YEARS,
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TWO BOMBS HAVE BEEN THROWN OVER EXISTING FENCE AT CONGEN
ISTANBUL, MOST RECENT WAS MAY 1977.

(B) LOW BID WAS 11,000 DOLLARS.

2. ADD PROTECTIVE STEEL AND GLASS FRAMEWORKS TO ALL THREE DAYTIME
MSG POSTS, THE GLASS PORTIONS OF WHICH WILL BE BACKED WITH

MYLAR AND LEXAN. THIS PROJECT WILL PROTECT MSG'S AND LOCAL SECURITY ASSISTANT BY ENCLOSING THEM AND PROTECTING THEM FROM GUNFIRE BUT WILL STILL PERMIT ARMED RESPONSE BY MSG. THESE SY PERSONNEL CONFISCATE AVERAGE OF FOUR PISTOLS A WEEK FROM VISITORS AND HAVE OCCASIONALLY FOUND THEMSELVES LOOKING DOWN BARREL OF GUN BEING TURNED IN BY VISITOR. PRESENT MSG POST ARRANGEMENTS PROVIDE VERY LIMITED PROTECTION TO MSG'S AND NO PROTECTION TO SY ASSISTANT/TRANSLATOR.

(A) LOW BID WAS 1975 DOLLARS.

(B) ALSO REQUIRED THIS PROJECT WILL BE APPROX. 110 SQ. FT OF HALF INCH LEXAN AT ESTIMATED COST 1375 DOLLARS PLUS SHIPPING.

(C) MYLAR FOR ABOVE ESTIMATED AT 60 DOLLARS PLUS 40 DOLLAR INSTALLATION KIT PLUS SHIPPING.

3. REPLACE PRESENT GRILLWORK BARRIER IN MAIN LOBBY/CONSULAR RECEPTION AREA WITH COUNTER. THIS WILL ENABLE CONSULAR SECTION TO HANDLE MOST OF THE WORK AT COUNTER AND ELIMINATE PRESENT TRAFFIC THROUGH MIDDLE OF CONSULAR WORK AREA, INTO OFFICES, AND BEYOND MSG. HIGH BID, FROM CONTRACTOR WHO BUILT EXISTING PORTION OF COUNTER AND MSG DESK, WAS 692 DOLLARS. LOW BID WAS 630 DOLLARS. POST PREFERS HIGH BIDDER BASED UPON KNOWN QUALITY OF WORK. ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR CONTRACTOR WILL BE REQUESTED LATER FOR SHELVING IN MSG POSTS, PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FORMICA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MSG POSTS. ETC.

4. POSTS PRESENT FIRE-EVACUATION-TERRORIST ALARM SYSTEM IS HOMEMADE SYSTEM WITH MIXTURE OF ANNUNCIATORS USING 110 VOLTS, 24 VOLTS AND TWELVE VOLTS. AT ONE TIME PORTIONS OF IT WERE DISCONNECTED BY TSO PERSONNEL AS BEING UNSAFE. PRESENT CONGLOMERATION

OF WIRING AND VARIOUS ANNUNCIATORS IS UNRELIABLE AND DIFFICULT TO REPAIR. RSO HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ONE FIRM THAT HAS SYSTEM WITH VOICE CAPABILITY AT ESTIMATED COST OF 2600 DOLLARS BUT PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE INSTALLATION, WHICH WOULD INVOLVE EXTENSIVE WIRING. ANOTHER FIRM HAS SOMEWHAT LESS VERSATILE, NON-VOICE SYSTEM THAT USES EXISTING POWER LINES AT ESTIMATED 1400 DOLLARS PLUS SHIPPING. POST PERSONNEL COULD PROBABLY INSTALL LATTER SYSTEM.

5. INSTALL HALF INCH LEXAN ON MAIN BUILDING WINDOWS WHICH FACE STREET. ESTIMATED 180 SQ. FT. AT ESTIMATED COST 2250 DOLLARS PLUS SHIPPING, PLUS INSTALLATION. MANY OF THESE WINDOWS ALREADY EQUIPPED WITH MYLAR.

6. POST DOES HAVE INTERIOR STEEL SHUTTERS FOR GROUND FLOOR WINDOWS, MAIN BUILDING, WHICH ARE CLOSED AT NIGHT AND DURING HIGH THREAT

PERIODS. SHUTTERS ARE USUALLY LEFT OPEN DURING DAY BECAUSE OF APPEARANCE AND BECAUSE LIGHT IS NEEDED. FYI SINCE JUNE, DURING HOURS OF 0800 TO 1145, EVERYDAY, POST HAS BEEN WITHOUT ELECTRICITY DUE TO POWER CUTS. PRESENT SHUTTERS DO NOT CLOSE SECURELY OR QUICKLY. MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO SHUTTER BARRING ARRANGEMENT WOULD PERMIT POSITIVE, SWIFT SECURING OF SHUTTERS. ESTIMATED COST: 463 DOLLARS.

7. POST HAS SEVERAL WINDOWS SHIWH CARE VULNERABLE ENOUGH TO REQUIRE BARS, SOME OF THESE ON SIDE OF BLDG., SOME ON ROOF. ESTIMATED COST FOR BARS AND INSTALLATION: 1235 DOLLARS.

8. WINDOWS IN PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S OFFICE ALREADY EQUIPPED WITH LEXAN SHOULD ALSO HAVE MYLAR. ESTIMATE 140 SQ. FT. AT COST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF 76 DOLLARS, PLUS SHIPPING. INSTALLATION KIT, PARAGRAPH 2C COULD BE USED. POST ESTIMATES MYLAR FOR PARAGRAPHS 2, 5, 8, TO BE NOT MORE THAN 450 SQ. FT. AT ESTIMATED TOTAL MYLAR COST OF 250 DOLLARS PLUS ONE 40 DOLLAR INSTALLATION KIT PLUS SHIPPING.

9. FYI: IN PAST TWO WEEKS DRASTIC PRICE INCREASES UP TO 100 PERCENT HAVE OCCURRED IN TURKEY. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS HAVE SO FAR INCREASED 30 PERCENT. PARAGRAPHS ONE AND THREE DO NOT REFLECT PROBABLE PRICE INCREASES, OTHER FIGURES ARE RE-BIDS FROM CONTRACTORS WHO REVISED THEIR FIGURES DUE TO INCREASES IN COST OF MATERIALS.

10. THEREFORE APPROX. TOTAL FOR ABOVE OF 21,000 DOLLARS DOES NOT INCLUDE PROBABLE PRICE INCREASES. PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 3 DO NOT INCLUDE SHIPPING COSTS AND DO NOT INCLUDE ADDITIONAL CARPENTRY WORK MENTIONED PARA 3. HOWEVER, POST DOES BELIEVE THAT FINAL TOTAL WILL NOT EXCEED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS REPORTED IN REFTTEL.

11. PLEASE ADVISE.
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